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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the United Nations Forum on Forests shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chair and such other officers as may be required (see E/5975/Rev.1). In accordance with Council resolution 2000/35, by which the Forum was established, the Bureau of the Forum shall consist of a Chair and four Vice-Chairs, one of whom shall also act as Rapporteur, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution. By its decision 2007/273, the Council decided that, commencing with the eighth session of the Forum, officers elected to the Bureau shall hold office for a term of two years.

At the first meeting of its tenth session, on 4 February 2011, the Forum elected Mr. Srećko Juričić (Croatia), Mr. Mario Ruales Carranza (Ecuador), Ms. Shuli Davidovich (Israel), Mr. Saiful Azam Martinus Abdullah (Malaysia) and Ms. Anna M. C. Masinga (Zambia) as members of the Bureau for the tenth session of the Forum. It postponed to a later meeting the designation of the Chair and the Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt the agenda and organization of work for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotation (E/CN.18/2013/1)

3. Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests

The General Assembly, by its resolution 62/98, adopted the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests. The multi-year programme of work of the Forum for the period 2007-2015, adopted at its seventh session, stipulates that, at each session, the Forum will focus on, inter alia, progress towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests and the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests.

At its ninth session, the Forum decided that simple voluntary national reporting for the tenth session would focus on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and balanced reporting on its four global objectives on forests, and requested the secretariat to that end to develop a streamlined reporting format, in consultation with other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests (E/CN.18/2013/2)

4. Regional and subregional inputs

By paragraph 2 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49, the Forum was assigned several new principal functions, one of which was to strengthen interaction between the Forum and relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions and instruments, organizations and processes to facilitate enhanced cooperation and effective implementation of sustainable forest management, as well as to contribute to the work of the Forum. In paragraph 11 of the resolution, forest-related regional and subregional bodies, mechanisms and processes were invited to strengthen their collaboration with and to provide input to the work of the Forum. The multi-year programme of work of the Forum for the period 2007-2015 calls for the provision of an interactive platform for dialogue with regional and subregional forest-related and other relevant processes, mechanisms, instruments and organizations. In addition, at its ninth session, the Forum adopted a resolution entitled "Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication",[1] in which it invited regional and subregional organizations and processes, with the assistance of the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as requested, as well as major groups and other forest stakeholders, to provide information to the Forum at its tenth session, in the context of its overall theme, on their efforts towards the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and its four global objectives on forests through sharing regional perspectives, approaches and experiences. Furthermore, in the same resolution, the Forum invited the secretariat and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in conjunction with regional and subregional processes, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development initiative on sustainable forest management and the Tehran Process on Low Forest Cover Countries, among others, to further develop strategies to promote North-South as well as South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation on sustainable forest management.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional and subregional inputs (E/CN.18/2013/3)

5. Forests and economic development

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work for the period 2007-2015, the Forum, at its tenth session, is scheduled to consider, under the overall theme "Forests and economic development", the following sub-themes: (a) Forest products and services; (b) National forest programmes and other sectoral policies and strategies; (c) Reducing risks and impacts of disasters; and (d) Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities. The deliberations on those sub-themes will be held in the context of the main task of the Forum session as well as the cross-cutting issues and common agenda items as listed in the multi-year programme of work.

[1] See E/2011/42-E/CN.18/2011/20, chap. I.B.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on forests for people: forests and economic development (E/CN.18/2013/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on conclusions and recommendations for addressing key challenges of forests and economic development (E/CN.18/2013/5)

6. Emerging issues

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work for the period 2007-2015, the Forum may include in the agenda of any of its sessions emerging issues of global significance that are related to and/or have an impact on forests and sustainable forest management and which are urgent, unexpected and not already addressed in the agenda of the respective session. In the light of the increased recognition of the multiple values of forests and the need for a cross-sectoral, cross-institutional approach on forests, the need to assess the potential implications of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development on forests, and the ongoing discussion on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, as well as the interconnection of those elements with the overall theme of the eleventh session of the Forum on the international arrangements on forests, the Bureau of the tenth session has decided to propose the implications and interconnections of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the development agenda beyond 2015 and the international arrangements on forests to be discussed under the agenda item of "Emerging issues" during the tenth session of the Forum.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues (E/CN.18/2013/6)

7. Multi-stakeholder dialogue

The Forum has valued the participation of major groups in its work and has incorporated multi-stakeholder dialogues, involving the nine major groups identified in Agenda 21, in its multi-year programme of work. At each session since its second session in 2002, the Forum has organized multi-stakeholder dialogues, which provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and information between Member States, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and major groups on the work of the Forum. The secretariat maintains contact and holds frequent consultations with the focal points of major groups on the planning of the multi-stakeholder dialogues. The multi-stakeholder dialogue of the tenth session will focus on seeking multi-stakeholder perspectives on the overall theme and the sub-themes.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the multi-stakeholder dialogue (E/CN.18/2013/7) and its addenda, the discussion papers submitted by various major groups

8. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

At its first session, in 2001, the Forum decided to develop and facilitate coordination and cooperation on various forest-related issues with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant international and regional processes and organizations, institutions and instruments. The successful implementation of the International Year of Forests resulted in the strengthening of forest communication networks and the enhancement of cooperation and coordination with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, media organizations, United Nations system partners and other forest-related stakeholders and organizations. Building on that foundation, the Forum may wish to consider approaches to support further cooperation and partnership initiatives, including activities that address policy and programme coordination and provide guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in support of the work of the Forum.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination (E/CN.18/2013/8)

Collaborative Partnership on Forests Framework 2011 and 2012 (E/CN.18/2013/9)

Note by the Secretariat on the International Year of Forests, 2011 (E/CN.18/2013/10)

9. Means of implementation for sustainable forest management

In accordance with the multi-year programme of work of the Forum, "means of implementation for sustainable forest management" is a recurring cross-cutting issue at each session. The Forum considered the issue as a specific agenda item at its eighth session. At the special session of its ninth session, held on 30 October 2009, the Forum adopted a resolution on the means of implementation for sustainable forest management (see E/2009/118-E/CN.18/SS/2009/2, chap. I.B), by which the Forum established an Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on forest financing and a facilitative process.

In its decision 2009/268, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the special session. In accordance with the resolution of the special session, the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group was to hold two meetings, one before the ninth session and one before the tenth session of the Forum. Accordingly, at its ninth session, the Forum considered the report of the first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group, on forest financing, and reviewed the performance of the facilitative process. As a result, the Forum, in the resolution adopted at its ninth session,[1] emphasized the importance of intersessional activities in preparation for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group. It also invited the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to update and expand the 2008 finance paper,[2] and to consider holding an organization-led initiative, which was held from 19 to 21 September 2012 in Rome. The updated and

[2] Marku Simula, *Financing Flows and Needs to Implement the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests*, the Advisory Group on Finance of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, 2008.

expanded finance paper was first presented at the organization-led initiative, and subsequently, along with the report of the organization-led initiative, to the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group, held from 14 to 18 January 2013 in Vienna. In the resolution, the Forum invited members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to report to it at its tenth session on their ongoing and future actions on forest financing.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on means of implementation for sustainable forest management: conclusions and recommendations on forest financing (E/CN.18/2013/11)

Report of the second meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing (E/CN.18/2013/12)

10. Forum Trust Fund

Pursuant to the multi-year programme of work of the Forum for the period 2007-2015, the Forum secretariat is to report at each session on the operation of the Forum Trust Fund, including on the amount and source of contributions and a description of how funds have been expended.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the Forum Trust Fund (E/CN.18/2013/13)

11. Other matters

The Forum may wish to consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

12. Date and venue for the eleventh session of the Forum

The Forum shall decide on the date and venue for the eleventh session.

13. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Forum

The Forum shall recommend to the Economic and Social Council for adoption a provisional agenda for the eleventh session.

14. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its tenth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Forum shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its session.